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LIGHTNING PLAYS HAVOC.

Last Thursday's Storm Killed Cattle, Knocked Horses Down, Wrecked a Barn, Damaged a Dwelling.

During a severe electrical storm that passed over this portion of the County Thursday afternoon of last week, lightning struck an apple tree on Clark McGovern's farm in Tod township and three head of cattle that were standing near the tree were killed. The cattle were the property of John F. Mackey, tenant on the McGovern farm. Mr. Mackey carried insurance on his livestock. The cattle killed were Holsteins, two cows and a steer. Lightning followed the telephone wires into Mrs. Margaret Johnston's residence in Ayr township, putting the phone out of commission and tearing off several boards where the wires entered the building. No one was seriously injured in the house.

Down on one of Samuel Mellotts farms in Ayr township, a bolt struck the comb of the roof on the barn. The slate on one side of the barn was ripped off along one end of the building down to the eaves and on the opposite side, the slate was torn off in spots as the lightning followed over and under the roof like a needle. The upper story end wall of the barn was so badly split and wrecked that the removal of the hay in the full mow was necessary before workmen could repair it. The farm is tenanted by Baltzer Cutchall whose horses were in the stable at the time. One of the animals was knocked down and jammed under the manger. He had to be assisted to his feet. The horse was badly cut about the head, due to the objects with which it came in contact when it fell head first under the manger. Another horse that had gotten out after the shock, was found in the yard with some hide missing from its back. The one rendered helpless, was crazy the next morning.

John F. Johnson.

John F. Johnson, a well known citizen of Taylor township, died last Sunday morning at the home of a neighbor, Orlando Wagner, after an illness of five or six weeks resulting from a complication of diseases. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at Mr. Wagner's home, the services being conducted by Rev. Reidell, of the M. E. church, and interment was made at Hustontown.

Mr. Johnson was a son of David and Susanna Johnson, and he was born on the old Johnson homestead (now the Scott Fruit Farm) in Thompson township on the 5th day of April, 1846; hence he was aged 70 years, 3 months and 11 days.

The deceased was married to Miss Jennie Blair, who survives, together with two sons, Lee B., and Dowling—both married and residing in Pittsburgh.

Accident at Quarry.

Last Saturday, John P. Conrad met with an accident at the State Highway stone quarry east of town. They had put in a blast and the men were leaving the quarry when rock slipped down from near the top and it caught them about the legs. Squire Conrad's left leg was bruised below the knee so that he was unable to walk. Geo. McEldowney was caught, but he was not severely injured, and he brought Conrad to town in a buggy.

Library Books.

Any one desiring the book or books presented to the Scout Library several years ago may have them by calling at the Lutheran Parsonage within the next two weeks. After that time the books will be offered to the High School library.—Robt. E. Peterman.

ROBBING THE CHILDREN.

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D., Commissioner of Health.

The present habit of turning night into day in our highly illuminated towns, with all sorts of exciting entertainment, keeps the nerves keyed up and upsets the equilibrium.

Children, especially, are apt to suffer from late hours and consequent lack of sleep. For the first two years of life, eating and sleeping are two great essentials. Babies should sleep from fifteen to twenty hours out of the twenty-four; and older children from ten to fourteen hours. It is not an unusual thing to see babies, in arms of very young children, being carried about until their parents' bed time. This is injurious to the children and cannot be made up by additional rest the next day.

Permitting children to remain up late is a strain on their nervous system which, while it may not be immediately apparent, is bound to exert a detrimental influence in the long run. Oftentimes the ill effects are perfectly apparent to the intelligent observer.

Irritableness and any of the train of evils which result from an overtaxed nervous system may result from continually robbing the child of sleep. A regular bed time should be set for children according to their age, ranging from six o'clock for babies, to eight for children of eight or nine, and this should be regularly adhered to. This is a matter of the utmost importance in establishing a sturdy constitution in childhood.

With adults, irregularity and short hours of sleep are often a factor which predisposes to ill health. There are exceptions to this as to all rules. Occasionally one will find an individual who has an unusual capacity for work with less than the ordinary amount of rest, but for the ordinary man or woman this would end disastrously.

Nelson Horse Wins.

Monday's Harrisburg Patriot says that one of the largest crowds in the history of racing at Carlisle, turned out to witness the midsummer event at the Carlisle Gentlemen's Driving Association, held at Carlisle last Saturday. Several of the races were well contested, and the result, in at least one of the others, was a big surprise, George Nelson, a green horse owned by George K. Nelson, of Newville, winning in straight heats in the 2:30 pace over horses that had raced for years. The Nelson horse won over three competitors; Kid Harvey, owned by John Witmer, of New Kingdom; Happy Jack owned by William Deitch, Carlisle, and Lady McKay, owned by E. G. Eppley, Carlisle. George's horse made the first heat in 2:27 1/2, the second, 2:31, and the third, in 2:28 1/2.

The Nelson horse will appear on the tracks in Altoona on the 9th of August.

Five Dollars a Day.

Mr. M. M. Brakeall, of Dravosburg, Pa., accompanied by Allen Brakeall, Rush Whitten and E. A. Gisel—all of the same place, stopped in McConnellsburg a few hours last Friday as they were enroute in an automobile to the Gettysburg battlefield. They were making the trip through in one day and had plenty of time to rest. "Mart" as he was familiarly known in his boyhood days is a native of Thompson township, and went to school at Center. He has been in the western part of the State twenty eight years, and is a prominent contractor and builder. He says he could use a few good carpenters to advantage just now at five dollars a day—eight hours work.

FAIRY TALES



Of course every child loves fairy tales and the kiddies in the State Tuberculosis Sanatoria at Cresson and Mont Alto are just as fond of stories as your youngsters, so whenever the nurses can find time there is always an audience ready and anxious to hear about the marvelous adventures of Cinderella, The Three Sisters or the King of the Golden River or any other stories from that wonderful world where there are giants and gnomes, fairies and golden-haired princesses, and where all the trouble comes out right in the end and everybody lives happily ever afterward.

If these little folks only knew, Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Commissioner of Health, and all of the doctors and nurses at the sanatoria are working very hard to give them such good care that they will drive away the dreaded demon, tuberculosis, and give them a chance to live as happily ever afterwards as one can in this work-a-day world.

There are more than a hundred boys and girls among the patients at the Mont Alto sanatorium and some seventy at Cresson. As a rule the children respond readily to treatment and are for the most part cheery little patients.

Rev. Drawbaugh Leaves Altoona.

Rev. D. P. Drawbaugh, who during the past sixteen years, has been pastor of the Fourth Lutheran church, Altoona, Pa., tendered his resignation to his congregation on last Sunday morning to become effective August 1st when he will accept a call from Camden, Ind.

Rev. Drawbaugh came to McConnellsburg soon after graduating from Seminary, and served as pastor of the McConnellsburg Big Cove Tannery and Little Cove churches for five years, when he went to Altoona, and has served in that pastorate ever since. Rev. Drawbaugh is an able minister and has been identified with the Lutheran synodical bodies in numerous responsible offices.

Goes to Long Island.

After having served the Lutheran congregation in McConnellsburg and at Big Cove Tannery very acceptably for a period of more than four years, Rev. Robert E. Peterman, announced last Sunday that he had received a call from the English Lutheran church of St. Stephens, Hicksville, Long Island. Believing that a change in fields of labor would prove advantageous to both himself and the congregations he had been serving, Mr. Peterman asked that the pastoral relations here be dissolved to take effect September 1st, at which time he expects to take charge of his new work.

The announcement that Rev. Peterman and his good wife were about to leave McConnellsburg was received with much regret by their numerous friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Peterman have been active in every movement—not only for the upbuilding of the congregations in which they were identified—but that made for the betterment of the town and community.

Hicksville is situated about 25 miles from New York City, 13 miles from Oyster Bay, 5 miles from the International Polo Grounds, and 10 miles from Garden City. Hicksville is one of the main railroad junctions of Long Island. Hence, it will be seen that the place is easy of access, is located right in the center of interesting territory, and the Peterman parsonage at Hicksville will be a splendid place for Fulton County people to spend a summer vacation.

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Rural Health—America's First Duty.

Washington, D. C., July 14.—"The estimated economic loss which our nation suffers each year from typhoid fever and malaria alone aggregates \$928,234,880, leaving out of entire account the sorrow, the unhappiness, the misery, and the inefficiency which follow in their train." Senator Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana today addressed the Senate on the subject of "Rural Health—America's First Duty." "The greatest asset which our country can have" said Senator Ransdell, "is the healthy American citizen, and valuable as it may be to increase the health of livestock and vegetation, it is of far greater importance that we throw every possible safeguard about the health of the man who is responsible for that livestock and vegetation. Over 900 million dollars lost every year. A sum which is sufficient to put our country into a state of preparedness equal to that of any nation in the world, enough money to give us the largest navy afloat and the most efficient army which the world has ever seen, is annually offered up as a sacrifice to two diseases which are entirely preventable. Enough money to pay the annual expenses of every college student in the United States, is absolutely thrown away every year." Senator Ransdell estimates the grand total loss from typhoid fever at \$271,922,880 per annum, and the loss from malaria at \$694,904,750 per year; the total per capita loss from these two diseases being \$9.46. By comparative estimates it was shown that the United States Government appropriated \$5,016,175 for the investigation and prevention of the diseases of animal and plant life and only \$1,917,566 for the investigation and prevention of the diseases of man.

The Eclipse.

Last Friday night, there was a beautiful three-quarter eclipse of the moon. Shortly after ten o'clock the earth's shadow began to creep over the moon, and by half past eleven all but the lower portion was covered. The shadow seemed to stand at that position for half an hour, during which time a well defined ring indicated the moon's outlines, with the central portions shaded to a peculiar tint. McConnellsburg was fortunate in having an ideal sky—only enough fleecy clouds to add to the splendor of the scene.

Two weeks ago, we told briefly the story of free sheep, the animals to be given to farmers by an association of business men of the State in conjunction with the State Agricultural Department. About five hundred farmers will be given ten pure bred sheep each. For the farmer's care of the sheep he will receive all the wool and half the lambs. We have not heard of any move to have part of the 5,000 sheep come to Fulton county. Other counties are rushing in for their share, why not have some here? Have we positively no organization through which the Agricultural Department can act? Does Fulton county propose to let every offer of something good slip away? We know that a few men here have labored for years to get the farmers together in an effective organization, but one of them said to us recently that he had almost despaired of ever accomplishing anything.

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Good Shot

Mrs. W. M. Hann who resides near Bethlehem church in Tod township, is much interested in poultry raising and was the possessor of a fine flock of nice chickens. A family of weasels residing in the same community became interested in Mrs. Hann's chickens with the result that the number of chickens was steadily diminishing. Her husband, Mr. W. M. Hann became interested, and decided he would "clean up" the weasel family with his trusty rifle. He shot several times at the marauders. At first he scared the weasels, but in time they became used to it. Last Saturday during Mr. Hann's absence from home, Mrs. Hann saw a big weasel trying to kill one of her best hens, and she got down the gun, pointed it in the direction of the weasel, shut both eyes, pulled the trigger and—bang! When she walked to the place where the weasel and hen were, the old hen was stretching herself up and shaking out her feathers, and the weasel was as dead as a last year's bird nest, Mrs. Hann having shot the animal through the heart. A weasel's pelt is worth good money.

Free Sheep.

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ANOTHER SOLDIER BOY.

Howard N. Hoke, Company B, Engineer Battalion, Writes from El Paso, Texas, Under Date, July 7th.

The following taken from a letter from Howard N. Hoke, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Will E. Hoke, former residents of Ayr township, to his cousin Josephine Runyan, will be read with interest by Howard's Fulton County friends and by others interested in the boys down on the frontier. Howard says:

"Well, we are here on the border ready to cross the Rio Grande into Mexico at a moment's notice. It looks now like Mexico will be called upon to clean up the country for Carranza—if we go in at all. I want to go in to fight; for, in my estimation we will have the fighting to do sooner or later, and—'why not now?'"

"It is an awful country down here—all sand as far as the eye can see—no vegetation except the cactus, and a few other thorn-bearing plants. And, talk about it's being hot! Howdy Moses! About a hundred in the shade. The only thing that saves at all, is the cool breeze that finds its way up from the Gulf, and the fact that we are at an altitude of 1700 feet above sea level—almost as high as your Cove mountain. Then, too, we have no humidity. When we are exposed to the sun, it seems just like we were standing by a hot fire. It is necessary for us to keep a wet cloth in our hats. It is only when we are in the shade that we get the cooling effect of the air. At night it is so cool that we are glad to sleep under a blanket.

"I am with Company B, Engineers Battalion, N. G. U. S., and we are very proud of ourselves, as the War Department has given us first place among the Engineering Companies of the militia. Pennsylvania has two companies of Engineers—A, of Scranton; B, of Philadelphia. Our company has 89 enlisted men, and ours was the only company in Pennsylvania—counting all classes of the service—that didn't have a man turned down when we passed the examination for service.

"We spent five days and nights in transit from Mt. Gretna to El Paso, and we were a tired bunch when we reached our destination. There are now thousands of troops encamped here. Separating our camp from the Rio Grande is a sand hill which protects us from the fire of snipers on the Mexican border. On the whole, we are very comfortable. Of course, there are a few things we have to depend upon our patriotic friends at home for. Army rations may be all right from a scientific standpoint, but when a soldier sits down to his mess, he misses a lot of appetizing things he was accustomed to find on mother's table. We are not allowed outside of camp to get any extra 'eats', or tobacco, cigarettes, soap, stationery, tooth-powder, etc.—some, or all, of which articles, most soldier boys need.

"Now, if there is any one in dear old McConnellsburg that wants to do something for any of the 'boys' and will send it to me, I will see that it gets to its proper destination. Even a penny box of matches is a fortune down here. Newspapers sell for five cents a piece, and when it is considered that we have but fifty cents a day as a wage income, it behooves us to think twice before we decide to be lavish in our expenditures.

"In conclusion, permit me to say that there is one thing that always looks good to a boy in camp; that is, a letter from any of the home friends. My address is,

H. N. HOKE,
Company B, Eng. Batt. U. S. N.
G. Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas."

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ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

David Naugle, of Mercersburg, was entertained in the H. A. Comerer home last week.

Miss Rose Fisher, of Chambersburg, was a week-end guest in the S. B. Woollet home.

Miss Janet Gobin and brother Charles near Knobsville, were in town last Saturday morning.

Fred Fisher who has been attending school in Lancaster, is home for the summer vacation.

Miss Mildred Dunlap, of Newark, N. J., is visiting Mr. Frank Stouteagle and daughter Miss Jeannette.

Miss A. L. Robinson, of Philadelphia, is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Nace, west Lincoln Way.

Miss Anna Pittman of Todd township is spending some time visiting relatives in Franklin and Cumberland counties.

Miss Louie Pittman, of Sipes Mill, was a guest in the homes of her uncles, Richard and A. J. Pittman during the past week.

Rev. C. W. Bryner, of Houtzdale, spent a week in this place and preached to his former congregation in the M. E. church in McConnellsburg last Sabbath.

Miss Clara Starr, of Littlestown, Pa., is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Taylor. Her brother Allen was here for a week during beginning of July.

Miss Mary McElroy, of Fayetteville, was a recent guest of Miss Emma Sloan for several days. Both ladies have been teaching in Johnstown for several years.

Hon. and Mrs. S. W. Kirk and their children Malcolm and Ruth, accompanied by Misses Olive Lodge and Esther Kendall, motored to New Grenada last Friday.

Miss Helen Hanks, of Everett, has been visiting Miss Jeannette Stouteagle since early part of last week, and on Monday, the two ladies went to Chambersburg, returning next day.

Mrs. F. W. Zorn (Nora Ferrenberg) and daughter Millard, of Gibsonburg, O. are visiting in the home of Mrs. Zorn's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Hamil, East Lincoln Way.

Prof. and Mrs. A. J. Dohner and their little son Carl, of Salem, N. J., visited relatives in McConnellsburg last week, remaining for about a week. Mrs. Dohner was Nora Fisher, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Sipe and their daughter Miss Eleanor, Mrs. J. C. Kirk, and Miss Martha Edwards, of Wells Tannery, motored to McConnellsburg last Thursday morning and spent the day shopping.

Mrs. Maria Dickson Alexander and baby Mary Anna, finding Washington to hot for comfort, came up to McConnellsburg last week to share in the more refreshing breezes from off Old Tuscarora.

George Mayne, of Altoona and his brother Samuel, of Duncannon spent several days in the County last week, returning to their respective homes Monday. Judge S. L. Buckley, accompanied them as far as Chambersburg in Sam's car.

Miss Nellie Rumel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rumel, of Gettysburg, is spending this week in the home of her uncle James W. Rumel in this place. Miss Nellie is a Bell Telephone operator in her town, and is now taking a well earned vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mayes, of Red Lion, and the former's sister, Mrs. Kerr, of Baltimore, motored to McConnellsburg last Saturday and were the guests in the home of Mrs. Matilda Trout until Monday. On their return to Red Lion they took with them Rose Daniels and Mildred Hull.